In North Travancore there are very few selected places that produce paddy. Others produce crops like pepper, ginger, tea, rubber and cardamom. These are products of industrial agriculture or agricultural industry, whichever way you may put it and there is no reason for differentiating that income from the income that is derived from other industries. These are the main points which rose out of letters that have been forwarded to me, and I think it is better to make the position clear.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: TIME FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

Under rule 69, the debate on the Budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting on Demands for Grants. Two days have been allowed for the general discussion and the maximum of seven days has been set apart for the voting on Demands for Grants. The Demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the list of Demands, a copy of which has already been furnished to the Honourable members. The Demand under III—Public Works including Water Works and Drainage may be discussed for one whole day and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining Demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed during the general discussion stage, not more than fifteen minutes as usual. I may say this because I have received a long list of Honourable members who say that during the last two sessions they have not had an opportunity to intervene in the Budget debate and that they want special consideration being given to them. All things being considered, the best plan would be to give 15 minutes each to every member so that it will not be stated that no person had a chance of discussion. I hope Honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply.

When voting on the Demands for Grants, every mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each. It will facilitate business if Honourable members giving notice of token motions which can most conveniently be for a reduction of one rupee will also specify the purpose underlying the proposed cut and take care to see that the cut motions are confined to amounts entirely votable.

In this connection I may also invite the attention of Honourable members to my predecessor's ruling regarding budget motions, given on the 30th of July 1935, reported on pages 705 to 707 of Volume VI of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly *vide* pages 121 to 124 of the Rulings from the Chair.

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For calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of Demands, a day will be taken as from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M., one hour being available for question time, and another hour from 1 to 2 P. M., as lunch interval, the remaining four hours will be treated as one full day and two hours as half a day. If the whole of the first hour is not taken up for questions and answers, the time left over will be available for the voting of Demands for Grants. Such available time will not go to increase the time allotted to any particular Demand but will be available to the House and thus enable them to reach more Demands.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES.

The House will have to elect four members to the P. W. D. Advisory Committee and two members each to the Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, the Post-war Industries Sub-Committee, the Transport Advisory Committee and the Medical Advisory Committee. The elections will be held on the following dates after the business of the House is over under the Chairmanship of the Deputy President or one of the panel of Chairmen. The usual method of voting by ballot will be adopted :—

Finance Committee and Public Accounts Committee	1st August 1946.
P. W. D. Advisory Committee and Transport Advisory Committee	2nd August 1946.
Medical Advisory Committee and Post-war Industries Sub-Committee.	3rd August 1946.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Deputy President*): Sir, the Financial Secretary is entitled to the warm congratulation of the House for the very clear exposition of the financial operations of the Government and of the programme envisaged for the future. With the growing dimensions of the financial operations of the Government during the past few years both on the revenue side and on the expenditure side, it is by no means an easy task to present a very intelligible and clear perspective of the financial operations of the State. The Financial Secretary has succeeded in this task to a very remarkable extent so that this House will give him the encomiums he deserves for the very clear exposition. Before I proceed to make my remarks on the Budget estimates presented to us, you will permit me, Sir, to say that this House is deeply indebted to you for your very elaborate explanation of the various activities of the Government and also for your very clear exposition of the constitutional position of the States *vis-a-vis* the Indian Union in the constitutional structure of India. With

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